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(C) On February 10 we delivered REFTEL points to MFA Department Head for Human Rights Yonca Ozceri. Ozceri said the MFA is following the competition for a seat on the Human Rights Council and has not finalized its decision on which candidates Turkey will or will not support. However, she said she understood our position and would take note of this for use in further MFA discussions on candidates. Regarding general human rights violations by the Iranian government, Ozceri said the issue remains important for the MFA, so it is closely following these developments in Iran, but that as a neighboring country Turkey must exercise more caution so as not to provoke possibly excessive Iranian reactions.
Jeffrey

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